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Memo to File:

RE: Mineral Energy Inc.
Gold Extraction Operation
on the Dolores River
Grand County, Utah

April 9, 1981, Jim Smith, Tom Tetting, Gilbert Hunt and Joe Helfrich of the Division staff visited Mineral Energy Inc.'s, gold extraction operation. It is located in Section 11, T. 23 S., R. 24 E., in Grand County on a bank of the Dolores River. According to the BLM in Moab, MEI has future plans of expanding into Sections 10, 12, 13, T. 23 S., R. 24 E., and also Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, R. 24 E. MEI is in the process of constructing a mill and other necessary facilities on the site. According to Mr. Larry Perkins and Mr. DeMar Perkins, the MEI representatives on-site, it is Mineral Energy Inc.'s, intention to use a dry chemical extraction method utilizing chorine, apparently this is a closed system and supposedly no chemicals will escape. Future plans for this operation include six to seven acres of disturbance per year at the rate of 2,500 tons per week. They were not mining at the time of the visit but were in a construction phase. These MEI representatives were informed that they must file a DOE immediately and get an approved mining and reclamation plan before they proceed.

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